

Iowa Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Workgroup

12:30-3:30pm, September 22, 2016

Iowa Capitol, Room 102

Welcome & Introductions:

Dale Woolery welcomed everyone and had everyone introduce themselves.

Workgroup Purpose, Goals & Deliverables:

Susie Sher handed out folders with all materials and referred to each tabbed section. You can find these documents and workgroup updates on the website at <https://odcp.iowa.gov/DECworkgroupINFO>

Iowa Drug Trends (ODCP):

Dale Woolery gave a power point presentation on Drug Abuse in Iowa; Evolving Issues and Trends.

Drug-Related Child Welfare Data (DHS):

Janee Harvey gave a power point presentation on the DHS Differential Response Overview and shared DHS drug related child welfare data and that child safety is always front and center for DHS.

Questions:

Rep. Dave Dawson asked questions regarding how is child abuse defined; he requested additional data regarding the number of referrals for drug testing, how the numbers had dropped in the last 10 years compared to the last 2 years; he requested more information on CINA's (232.2); what factors determined re-assignment and when is an OWI considered for a child abuse assessment.

Janee indicated that DHS would work on collecting the data requested by Representative Dawson. Additionally, she shared that DHS is going to begin assigning cases with heroin, meth, and cocaine allegations at intake onto the CAA pathway. A timeline for instituting this practice has not been established but many of the workgroup members indicated they were in agreement with this practice shift.

Gail Barber asked questions to Mid Iowa Therapy Clinic staff regarding process of reporting back/communicating about the outcomes for families who are referred to Community Care.

Jennifer Sleiter also asked questions regarding how UNCOPE is used in correlation to child safety.

Chaney Yeast made positive comments of DHS and thanked Janee and her team; she would like to continue to be partners in the future. She asked questions about confidential access to children when a case is assigned to the Family Assessment Pathway. She had concerns about which cases are eligible for reassignment from FA to CAA pathway would like to recommend that there be a specific list of factors/criteria for re-assignments.

Dr. McCann asked questions regarding the confidential access to children and collateral contacts during family assessments.

Scott Nicholson asked question regarding if outcomes for Community Care are reported to DHS. He also asked if DHS can consider all prescription drugs allegations being assigned to the child abuse pathway at intake.

Liz Cox asked if cases involving marijuana allegations at intake could be assigned to CAA pathway. Janee indicated the volume of cases with marijuana allegations would essentially undo Differential Response but cases in which the children are unsafe or conditionally unsafe are reassigned to CAA.

Doug Hurley asked questions about looking at the marijuana side of data from the state of Colorado and how long is a person on the child abuse registry.

Public Comment:

Kristie Olivier made positive comments that Iowa is ahead of most states are it pertains to looking at the role of substance abuse with caregivers.

Michelle Tillota commented that she has been involved with UNCOPE. She explained that UNCOPE is an evidence-based screening tool; which is to be a used to indicate someone is need of a substance abuse evaluation. DHS is piloting the

use of the UNCOPE in 4 counties and referrals to substance abuse facilities will be tracked during the pilot.

Cheryl Jones of Iowa Health Specialty Clinic made positive comments about DHS openness. She also shared information about a program for Fathers and how this program is re-engaging fathers with their kids.

Adjourn –

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 12:30-3:30pm, Capitol Room 102